

Application No.: 10/713,001Docket No.: 4459-135**REMARKS**

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claims 2 and 8-11 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 1, 3-6 and 8-22 are pending in the instant application. Claims 2 and 7 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 1 has been amended to include all limitations of allowable claim 2. Claims 5 and 11 have been amended to improve claim language. Claims 12 and 18 consisting of the indicated allowable subject matter of claims 8 and 9, respectively, have been added. New claims 13-17 depend on claim 12 and correspond to claims 5-6 and 9-11, respectively. New claims 19-22 depend on claim 18 and correspond to claims 5-6 and 10-11, respectively.

The Abstract has been revised to be compliant with commonly accepted US patent practice.

No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments.

All pending claims include the indicated allowable subject matter and should be allowed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is now in condition suitable for allowance and early indication of same is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

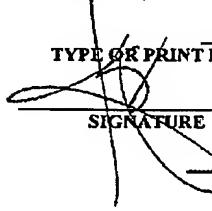
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